



# Windermere Primary School

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## Newsletter 14

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parents Evenings

This week we will be holding the first of our parent consultation evenings. Please arrive ten minutes ahead of your appointment time, so that you can view your child's work before the meeting. You are very welcome to bring your child/children with you to the meeting, but they must remain with you and must not disturb other parents' meetings. They are also not allowed out onto the playgrounds or field.

As last year, there will not be bells to notify the end of your appointment. Parents must keep an eye on the time and go down to the hall at their appointed time, if the teacher has to fetch you then you will have less time to discuss your child. Similarly you must not be offended if the teacher says at the end of ten minutes that they must move on to another parent. If your discussion is not finished then please make an appointment after school for another day.

Please note: some after school clubs on the Thursday and Tuesday evenings are cancelled.

Once again there will be an opportunity to purchase CGP study books at a vast discount, ready for next year. Please pick up an order form. Some of our governors will be around and will be asking you to complete a quick parent questionnaire.

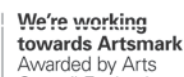
### Pirates v Mermaids

This year's end of year performance is well under way. A letter regarding tickets will be sent out later this week. A lot of effort goes into these fantastic productions. Everyone really enjoys the experience and it epitomises the community feeling that is so important to our school. Once again there will be two evening performances and **everybody in Year 1 to Year 6 is expected to return to school** to support their friends and participate in this major school event.

Costumes should be in school no later than MONDAY 11th JULY. Please put them in a named carrier bag. As usual we have tried to keep the costumes simple and reusable. T-shirts must be plain, no logos, and with short sleeves (not camisole style).

Year 1 and Year 2 (Parrots): Black PE Shorts or leggings and bright green or red T-shirts.

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 (Pirates): Strikey T-shirts – red/white, blue/white, black/white - with black shorts or leggings.



### **Queen's birthday celebrations**

Sadly, the weather was unkind to us so we weren't able to picnic in the playground as planned. However, we still enjoyed our picnic lunch and KS2 picnicked in the hall instead.

### **Afternoon Teas**

Once again we have enjoyed welcoming parents to our delightful afternoon teas. These are informal, friendly opportunities to mix with other parents whilst viewing your child's work. I hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

### **Forensic Workshop**

This was clearly a big hit! Every child (and adult) that I spoke to said how much they enjoyed this science workshop. Thank you to the PTA for funding this fun, but interesting day. We are definitely looking forward to the circus skills day and the dance workshop, both of which are in Sports Week.

### **Dinner Money**

All dinner money debts must be cleared by the end of term and cannot be carried forward into the new academic year.

### **Holidays**

I am sure you are all, like us, looking forward to the summer holidays. School starts again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. It is essential that every child has an opportunity to start the new academic year in the best possible way by being there at the very beginning of term. The summer holiday is six weeks long and it is not acceptable to return after this date whilst you have school age children. Such absences will be unauthorised and may result in a fixed penalty notice, or children being removed from the school roll.

### **Passports**

Over recent weeks the school has been swamped by requests for passports and photographs to be countersigned. I appreciate it is sometimes difficult to find professionals who will countersign documents of this nature, but this is not a responsibility that teachers take on lightly (they have to have personally known the parent for at least 2 years) and with the number of requests that the school receives it actually becomes quite time-consuming. Therefore I feel it is no longer appropriate for the school staff to countersign passports; please do not ask.

## **Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club continues to thrive. Every day more and more Lego creations creep into the office for display, until Friday that is; Friday is 'demolition day'! If you would like to bring your child to breakfast club, it is open from 8am and breakfast is served until 8:30am. You don't need to book in advance – you just turn up and you will be invoiced at the end of the month.

## **After-school Club**

We also have a steady flow of children being walked round to OWLS at the end of the day. However some parents have asked about on site after-school provision. It would be useful to gauge the level of interest for after-school care, as this would have to be financially viable from the outset. Please complete the slip below if you would be interested if the school were to provide on site after-school care. We estimate that it might cost approximately £12 per child for the after school session finishing at 6pm.

## **Sporting Events**

There are a number of sporting events, including practices, arranged for the next couple of weeks. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. I hope that you will come and join us for our sports afternoons and the duathlon day.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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### **After-school Provision – survey only**

Child's Name: ..... Year: .....

- I am not currently interested in after-school care.
- I would be interested in on site after-school care until .....pm.
- I would be interested in on site after-school care on:
  - Mondays  Tuesdays  Wednesdays  Thursdays  Fridays